

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

May 2014

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the time period covering May 11 to 17, 2014, there were 573,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan during May 2014, an increase of 16,300 from April 2014 and 12,400 more than the number employed in May 2013.

Agricultural employment was 47,000 persons in May 2014, up 3,300 from the April 2014 level and 1,800 more than the May 2013 agricultural employment level of 45,200. Non-agricultural employment was 526,300 persons in May 2014. This is an increase of 13,000 from the April 2014 non-agriculture employment level of 513,300 and 10,600 more than May 2013.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for May 2014 was 3.6 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the April 2014 rate of 3.7 percent and 0.8 percentage points lower than the May 2013 level of 4.4 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 16,400 to 594,800 persons in May 2014 from 578,400 persons in April 2014. This is 7,900 more than the May 2013 labour force of 586,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 1.8 percentage points to 70.7 percent in May 2014 from 68.9 percent in April 2014. The May 2013 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 71.3 percent.

There were 21,500 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during May 2014. This is an increase of 100 from April 2014 but is 4,500 less than the number unemployed in May 2013.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 563,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan in May 2014, up 1,800 from the April 2014 level of 561,300 and is up 11,800 from the May 2013 employment level of 551,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2014 was 3.7 percent. This is an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the April 2014 rate of 3.4 percent but 0.8 percentage points lower than the May 2013 rate of 4.5 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 374,500 persons in May 2014 to 18,002,400 persons from 17,627,900 persons in April 2014. In May 2013, there were 17,922,000 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate was unchanged in May 2014 from the April 2014 level of 7.2 percent. In May 2013, Canada's unemployment rate was also 7.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.0 percent in May 2014. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than April 2014 but 0.1 percentage points lower than the May 2013 level of 7.1 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit [www.stats.gov.sk.ca](http://www.stats.gov.sk.ca)

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	<u>May</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	19,390.6	19,001.1	19,305.7	389.5	84.9
Employed ('000)	18,002.4	17,627.9	17,922.0	374.5	80.4
Full-Time ('000)	14,538.7	14,134.7	14,588.9	404.0	-50.2
Part-Time ('000)	3,463.7	3,493.2	3,333.1	-29.5	130.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,388.1	1,373.3	1,383.8	14.8	4.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	7.2	7.2	0.0	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.0	6.9	7.1	0.1	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	65.6	67.5	1.3	-0.6
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	594.8	578.4	586.9	16.4	7.9
Employed ('000)	573.3	557.0	560.9	16.3	12.4
Full-Time ('000)	474.1	448.5	464.2	25.6	9.9
Part-Time ('000)	99.2	108.6	96.8	-9.4	2.4
Unemployed ('000)	21.5	21.4	26.0	0.1	-4.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	3.7	4.4	-0.1	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.7	3.4	4.5	0.3	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	70.7	68.9	71.3	1.8	-0.6
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,411.1	2,347.9	2,338.1	63.2	73.0
Employed ('000)	2,296.5	2,228.0	2,223.1	68.5	73.4
Full-Time ('000)	1,913.3	1,832.4	1,879.1	80.9	34.2
Part-Time ('000)	383.2	395.6	344.0	-12.4	39.2
Unemployed ('000)	114.6	119.9	115.0	-5.3	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	5.1	4.9	-0.3	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.6	4.7	4.8	-0.1	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	73.8	72.1	74.1	1.7	-0.3
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	671.7	661.9	675.9	9.8	-4.2
Employed ('000)	636.4	622.6	639.0	13.8	-2.6
Full-Time ('000)	513.9	495.5	515.2	18.4	-1.3
Part-Time ('000)	122.5	127.1	123.8	-4.6	-1.3
Unemployed ('000)	35.3	39.3	36.9	-4.0	-1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.9	5.5	-0.6	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	5.9	5.7	-0.4	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	67.3	69.5	0.9	-1.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>May 2014</u>	<u>April 2014</u>	<u>May 2013</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	594.8	578.4	586.9	16.4	7.9
Male	321.9	312.6	316.9	9.3	5.0
Female	272.9	265.8	270.0	7.1	2.9
15-24 Years of Age	97.9	85.0	102.3	12.9	-4.4
25+ Years of age	496.8	493.5	484.6	3.3	12.2
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	573.3	557.0	560.9	16.3	12.4
Male	309.8	299.4	302.1	10.4	7.7
Female	263.5	257.6	258.8	5.9	4.7
15-24 Years of Age	89.6	78.9	91.2	10.7	-1.6
25+ Years of age	483.7	478.1	469.7	5.6	14.0
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	21.5	21.4	26.0	0.1	-4.5
Male	12.1	13.2	14.8	-1.1	-2.7
Female	9.4	8.2	11.3	1.2	-1.9
15-24 Years of Age	8.3	6.1	11.1	2.2	-2.8
25+ Years of age	13.2	15.3	14.9	-2.1	-1.7
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	3.6	3.7	4.4	-0.1	-0.8
Male	3.8	4.2	4.7	-0.4	-0.9
Female	3.4	3.1	4.2	0.3	-0.8
15-24 Years of Age	8.5	7.2	10.9	1.3	-2.4
25+ Years of age	2.7	3.1	3.1	-0.4	-0.4
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	70.7	68.9	71.3	1.8	-0.6
Male	76.6	74.5	77.4	2.1	-0.8
Female	64.9	63.3	65.3	1.6	-0.4
15-24 Years of Age	71.7	62.2	74.9	9.5	-3.2
25+ Years of age	70.5	70.2	70.6	0.3	-0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	<u>May 2014</u>	<u>April 2014</u>	<u>May 2013</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	47.0	43.7	45.2	3.3	1.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	26.4	24.9	23.4	1.5	3.0
Utilities	7.2	6.7	5.7	0.5	1.5
Construction	53.6	49.2	48.4	4.4	5.2
Manufacturing	28.4	29.7	27.2	-1.3	1.2
Trade	84.5	82.9	83.6	1.6	0.9
Transportation and Warehousing	27.9	28.0	26.4	-0.1	1.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.3	29.7	28.1	-0.4	1.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	29.4	29.1	29.1	0.3	0.3
Business, Building and Other Support Services	14.4	11.6	12.9	2.8	1.5
Educational Services	46.9	45.3	48.7	1.6	-1.8
Health Care and Social Assistance	74.3	73.1	73.3	1.2	1.0
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.6	18.9	18.0	0.7	1.6
Accommodation and Food Services	31.6	32.8	33.2	-1.2	-1.6
Other Services	21.3	22.4	25.8	-1.1	-4.5
Public Administration	31.6	29.2	31.9	2.4	-0.3
Total	573.3	557.0	560.9	16.3	12.4
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	474.1	448.5	464.2	25.6	9.9
Part-Time	99.2	108.6	96.8	-9.4	2.4
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	463.4	449.7	452.8	13.7	10.6
Public Sector	143.9	134.2	146.1	9.7	-2.2
Private Sector	319.5	315.5	306.7	4.0	12.8
Self-Employed	109.9	107.3	108.1	2.6	1.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>May</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	18,002.4	17,627.9	17,922.0	374.5	80.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	227.7	221.1	238.3	6.6	-10.6
Prince Edward Island	76.3	69.6	77.3	6.7	-1.0
Nova Scotia	453.4	440.5	462.8	12.9	-9.4
New Brunswick	356.2	340.6	358.4	15.6	-2.2
Quebec	4,049.3	3,964.5	4,079.8	84.8	-30.5
Ontario	6,997.3	6,874.7	6,956.8	122.6	40.5
Manitoba	636.4	622.6	639.0	13.8	-2.6
Saskatchewan	573.3	557.0	560.9	16.3	12.4
Alberta	2,296.5	2,228.0	2,223.1	68.5	73.4
British Columbia	2,336.0	2,309.1	2,325.4	26.9	10.6

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)

Canada	7.2	7.2	7.2	0.0	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.7	13.7	11.3	-1.0	1.4
Prince Edward Island	11.1	14.9	9.9	-3.8	1.2
Nova Scotia	8.9	9.7	8.6	-0.8	0.3
New Brunswick	10.4	12.3	10.7	-1.9	-0.3
Quebec	7.9	8.4	7.4	-0.5	0.5
Ontario	7.7	7.4	7.7	0.3	0.0
Manitoba	5.3	5.9	5.5	-0.6	-0.2
Saskatchewan	3.6	3.7	4.4	-0.1	-0.8
Alberta	4.8	5.1	4.9	-0.3	-0.1
British Columbia	6.4	5.7	6.9	0.7	-0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	May <u>2014</u>	April <u>2014</u>	May <u>2013</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,830.1	17,804.3	17,744.6	25.8	85.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	224.4	228.5	233.3	-4.1	-8.9
Prince Edward Island	73.5	72.9	74.5	0.6	-1.0
Nova Scotia	447.1	448.4	455.6	-1.3	-8.5
New Brunswick	350.1	350.9	351.9	-0.8	-1.8
Quebec	4,015.0	4,015.8	4,039.7	-0.8	-24.7
Ontario	6,934.7	6,919.9	6,895.3	14.8	39.4
Manitoba	628.3	627.4	630.6	0.9	-2.3
Saskatchewan	563.1	561.3	551.3	1.8	11.8
Alberta	2,274.7	2,258.3	2,203.5	16.4	71.2
British Columbia	2,319.1	2,321.0	2,308.8	-1.9	10.3
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	7.0	6.9	7.1	0.1	-0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.7	12.1	11.5	0.6	1.2
Prince Edward Island	12.2	11.7	11.2	0.5	1.0
Nova Scotia	8.9	8.9	8.6	0.0	0.3
New Brunswick	10.2	10.5	10.5	-0.3	-0.3
Quebec	8.0	7.6	7.7	0.4	0.3
Ontario	7.3	7.4	7.3	-0.1	0.0
Manitoba	5.5	5.9	5.7	-0.4	-0.2
Saskatchewan	3.7	3.4	4.5	0.3	-0.8
Alberta	4.6	4.7	4.8	-0.1	-0.2
British Columbia	6.1	5.8	6.7	0.3	-0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS****(3 Month Moving Average)**

	<b><u>May</u></b> <b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>April</u></b> <b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>May</u></b> <b><u>2013</u></b>	<b>Change from</b> <b><u>Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>					
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
St. John's	6.6	5.8	6.2	0.8	0.4
Halifax	6.0	6.2	6.9	-0.2	-0.9
Saint John	8.1	7.7	10.5	0.4	-2.4
Quebec	5.6	5.3	5.1	0.3	0.5
Montreal	8.3	8.5	8.5	-0.2	-0.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.7	6.9	6.2	-0.2	0.5
Greater Sudbury	6.9	6.4	7.6	0.5	-0.7
Toronto	7.7	7.5	8.1	0.2	-0.4
Winnipeg	5.9	5.9	6.2	0.0	-0.3
Regina	3.3	3.4	3.7	-0.1	-0.4
Saskatoon	4.2	4.4	4.0	-0.2	0.2
Calgary	5.6	5.4	5.0	0.2	0.6
Edmonton	5.3	4.9	4.8	0.4	0.5
Vancouver	5.4	5.4	6.8	0.0	-1.4
Victoria	4.9	4.9	5.3	0.0	-0.4
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b><u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u></b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	176.8	174.8	173.9	2.0	2.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	51.8	51.3	53.1	0.5	-1.3
Saskatoon-Biggar	195.2	192.5	189.6	2.7	5.6
Yorkton-Melville	39.1	39.0	38.6	0.1	0.5
Prince Albert & Northern	97.9	96.0	97.1	1.9	0.8

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 7

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY**  
**FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**  
**(3 Month Moving Average)**

	<u>May</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	584.8	577.7	576.5	7.1	8.3
Employed ('000)	561.6	554.5	551.5	7.1	10.1
Unemployed ('000)	23.2	23.3	25.0	-0.1	-1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	4.0	4.3	0.0	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.7	68.9	70.1	0.8	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	66.9	66.2	67.1	0.7	-0.2
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	537.8	531.0	530.2	6.8	7.6
Employed ('000)	519.8	513.0	510.8	6.8	9.0
Unemployed ('000)	18.0	18.0	19.4	0.0	-1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	3.4	3.7	-0.1	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	69.4	70.7	0.8	-0.5
Employment Rate (%)	67.9	67.1	68.1	0.8	-0.2
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	47.1	46.8	46.3	0.3	0.8
Employed ('000)	41.8	41.5	40.8	0.3	1.0
Unemployed ('000)	5.2	5.3	5.6	-0.1	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.1	11.3	12.1	-0.2	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	64.0	63.7	64.2	0.3	-0.2
Employment Rate (%)	56.9	56.5	56.5	0.4	0.4
<b><u>FIRST NATIONS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18.1	18.0	17.9	0.1	0.2
Employed ('000)	15.4	15.2	14.4	0.2	1.0
Unemployed ('000)	2.7	2.8	3.4	-0.1	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.0	15.6	19.2	-0.6	-4.2
Participation Rate (%)	55.9	55.6	56.3	0.3	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	47.5	47.0	45.5	0.5	2.0
<b><u>MÉTIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	28.7	28.6	28.5	0.1	0.2
Employed ('000)	26.2	26.1	26.3	0.1	-0.1
Unemployed ('000)	2.5	2.5	2.2	0.0	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.8	8.7	7.6	0.1	1.2
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	69.9	70.4	0.3	-0.2
Employment Rate (%)	64.1	63.8	65.1	0.3	-1.0

## Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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